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Ordot, Guam



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The Ordot Landfill, in Ordot, Guam, has been in use over 40 years, mostly as an open dump. There are no accurate records of the types of wastes disposed of on-sites. The current site occupies 47 acres, and plans call for possible expansion to 74 acres. Surface water from the site drains into the Pago River, which discharges into Pago Bay. Direct human contact and contamination of marine life used for food are of concern.

In July 1982, EPA approved \$75,000 for studies of four sites located on islands of the Insular Territories: Ordot Landfill, PCB Wastes, PCB Warehouse, and Taputimu Farm. Another \$65,000 was added in November 1982. The funds are for two separate projects. One is to review and compile existing data for the Ordot Landfill, where ground water may be threatened by hazardous wastes mixed in with municipal wastes. The second is for the other three sites, where wastes are containerized. The funds are for a remedial investigation to determine the extent and type of contamination at each site and a fasibility study to identify alternatives for remedial action. The work is scheduled to be completed in the third quarter of 1983. The next step, if approved, would be to select the cost-effective remedy and begin design activities. In January 1983, EPA awarded \$10,000 to the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers for technical assistance to the project.

The Ordot Landfill site was on the Interim Priorities List. It is the top priority site in Guam.